# HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION JANUARY 23, 2017 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS HDP-2016-0942 4113 SINCLAIR AVENUE

### **PROPOSAL**

Relocate a ca. 1940 house to outside the city.

#### ARCHITECTURE

One-story, L-plan, frame hose with a partial-width porch inset under the projecting front gable; single 6:6 fenestration; scalloped vertical boards in the tympanum of the projecting front gable.

### RESEARCH

The house was built by the McNeeley Construction Company in 1940. Carl W. Shafer and his wife, Ellen, were the first owners and occupants. They lived here from around 1940 to around 1943. Carl Shafer was the sales manager for the Kincl Appliances store on Congress Avenue (in the old Texas Public Service Company building). The house was vacant in the mid-1940s, the owned and occupied by Cecil and Dovie Street from around 1946 to around 1948. Cecil Street was a test driver for the Firestone Test Fleet.

There were a series of renters in the house in the late 1940s and early 1950s, including a salesman for Capitol Chevrolet; around 1953, the house was purchased by Noel M. and Lollie Burton, who lived here until around 1956. Noel M. Burton was a manager at Central Freight Lines. William W. and Zula Gordon bought the house around 1956 and lived here until around 1963. William W. Gordon was a claims adjuster for an insurance company.

From the mid-1960s through the mid-1980s, the house was again a rental property, with tenants including a musician and a carpenter.

### STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey to date.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use on site, as the house reflects the typical scale and massing of housing in Rosedale, but release the relocation permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center. The house does not qualify as a historic landmark.

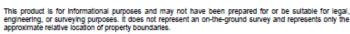




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NOTIFICATIONS

PENDING CASE CASE#: HDP-2016-0942 LOCATION: 4113 Sinclair Avenue





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## 4113 Sinclair Avenue ca. 1940



### OCCUPANCY HISTORY 4113 Sinclair Avenue

City Directory Research, Austin History Center By City Historic Preservation Office January, 2017

1992 Warren Ovenour, owner

No occupation listed

NOTE: The directory indicates that Warren Ovenour was a new resident at this

address.

1985-86 Jack Pritchard, owner

Bike repair

1981 Jack Pritchard, renter

Carpenter

1977 Jack A. Pritchard, renter

Carpenter

1973 Michael Speakmon, renter

Musician

NOTE: The directory indicates that Michael Speakmon was a new resident at

this address.

NOTE: Jack A. Pritchard is not listed in the directory.

1968	Vacant
1965	James O. Hommons, renter No occupation listed
1961	William W. and Zula H. Gordon, owners Claims manager, Associates Insurance (not listed in the directory).
1957	William W. and Zula H. Gordon, renters Insurance adjuster, Associates Insurance (not listed in the directory)
1954	Noel M. and Lollie Burton, owners Branch manager, Central Freight Lines, 1002 Springdale Road. NOTE: William W. and Zula H. Gordon are not listed in the directory.
1952	Everett and Jeanette Gandt, renters Salesman, Capitol Chevrolet, 5 <sup>th</sup> Street and Lamar Boulevard.
1949	Charles S. and Mary O. Smith, renters No occupation listed
1947	Cecil C. and Dovie Street, owners Test driver, Firestone Test Division, 211 Riverside Drive.
1944-45	Vacant NOTE: Cecil C. and Dovie Street are listed at 1616 W. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street; he was a test driver for the Firestone Test Fleet, 211 Riverside Drive.
1942	Carl W. and Ellen Shafer, owners Sales manager, Kincl Appliance Company, 907 Congress Avenue.
1941	The address is not listed in the directory.  NOTE: Carl W. and Ellen Shafer are not listed in the directory.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

### Cecil C. and Dovie Street (ca. 1946 – ca. 1948)

Cecil C. and Dovie I. Street appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the owners of the house at 1612 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Austin; that house was worth \$2,500. Cecil Street was 39, had been born in Texas, and was the proprietor of a vending machine company. Dovie I. Street was 40, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a daughter, Mary M. Street, 9.

### William W. and Zula Mae Gordon (ca. 1956 – ca. 1963)

His 1975 death certificate shows that William Wayne Gordon was born in Wichita, Kansas in 1922 and was living at 1006 Alegria Road in Austin at the time of his death. He was an insurance claims adjuster.

Her 1981 death certificate shows that Zula Mae Gordon was born in Oklahoma in 1922, and was a widow living at 1006 Alegria Road at the time of her death. She was a child accountant for AISD. Zula Mae Blackmon and William Wayne Gordon were married in 1945 in Oklahoma City.

McNeley Const.Co.

4113 Sinclair Ave.

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McGuire's Sub.

frame res. & frame gar.

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3-5-75-148060-Jack Pritchard- remodel existing res \$75.00

Building permit to McNeeley Construction Company for the construction of this house (1940) with an additional note for a remodel permit to Jack Pritchard (1975)

Connection Charge : 11 2625 No 171884
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APPLICATION FOR SEWER CONNECTION.
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To the Superintendent of Sewer and Public Improvements,
City of Austin, Texas
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further described as lot, block, outlot,
subdivision division plat 76
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I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance
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12451 Sewer in 42 and ft.

Sewer connection application by McNeeley Construction Company for this address (1940)